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Lainie is a thirty year old, full-figured woman entrenched in a love affair with a married man. Although Lainie loves Mason desperately, she vows never to say those three little words while he remains with his wife.

Stay, an enigma in Lainie's close-knit group of friends, has been circling her with interest, trying to garner her attention. When circumstances make it clear who's blocking his way—Mason—Stay goes full-court press in pursuit of Lainie.

Lainie doesn't see Stay as relationship potential because she is blinded by her love for Mason. However, the more she learns about Stay, the more she comes to realize she never really knew him in the first place.

An unexplainable mystical connection evolves between Lainie and Stay and she has to choose between a man she so hopelessly loves and a man who offers her everything she needs.

## Bittersweet Deceit Details

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# From Reader Review Bittersweet Deceit for online ebook

## Julie C says

This is an amazing story about a girl in love. Mason is a married man, but Lainie just can't tell him No. Stay is persistent and won't take No for an answer. So what is a girl to do? Who is deceiving who?

This is a must read for 2014. The storyline is simple but amazing. The characters are nicely written and flow really well. Another awesome book by the author Blakely Bennett.

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## Bonnie Woodruff says

I received this for an honest review.

I must say that I did not read the first book, but I will now. I really like the story line, I am in love with the characters and the twists and turns. I am already looking forward to more. Hot and steamy with a plot!!

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## Kelly Smith Reviews says

I've read a lot of books. Most of the non-paranormal erotica I read is really a heartless book meant to simply indulge a reader's carnal desire. There's no heart and soul. Not so with Blakely Bennett's Bittersweet Deceit novel (the second book in her Bound By Your Love series, following Stuck In Between. You don't have to read Stuck In Between to enjoy Bittersweet Deceit. The backstory is clear.).

We meet Lainie Simmons, the best friend of Jaqs, the protagonist of Stuck In Between, and learn about her hot, sexy affair with a married man. She loves him and he says he loves her, but refuses to leave his wife and kids.

Her friends, especially the handsome and boyish Stayman, think she can do better, but insecure Lainie doesn't want to see it that way.

How many hearts will have to break before she sees the light?

Immediately, we are taken into a steamy sex scene between Lainie and Mason, her married lover. It was better writing in those few pages than in an entire slew of erotica short stories.

As a reader with a build like Lainie's and some of her insecurities, I connected with her quickly. Also, there's a line about wanting someone who doesn't want you the same way. I swear, my heart shattered simply reading that line. Both men in the story, Mason and Stay, are extremely sexy in disparate ways. I know which one I prefer were I to meet them in my real life haha!

It's a story that will melt your heart and wet your panties, to be quite blunt about it! But with all the sordid scenes, there is just as much real emotion between the characters.

A nice subplot is Lainie's evil mother and Stay's kind Granny. It adds a bit of reality to the story.

My favorite thing about it, however? The energy connection that two of the characters have. No one acknowledges, or even believes, in energy connections between two individuals, let alone writes about it.

I loved this book. I will be buying the prequel and the next installment of the series when it's released. But for everyone, but if your heart doesn't go through the wringer from beginning to end...check and make sure

you're reading the right book haha!

Excellently written and greatly entertaining.

**5/5--a real winner!**

## Sara says

WOW! Lainie starts a relationship with a married man. When Stayman (I adore) eventually declares his feelings... Lainie's world is up turned. Can she make the right decision? Will Mason leave his wife? Will she choose Stayman? Who will get her heart? If there's one thing I ask.... read Lainie's story. It's a roller coaster of emotions and the sex is unbelievably GOOD!!!

## Debbie R says

Oh I am in love with this book!!! Stay is my man ..well in my eyes. Lainie is a girl that has a little bit of meat on her and I love that because you don't see many characters that are in stories. Mason is a guy who in my eyes is just a person who wants his cake and candy at the same time!!! Now that I got my opinions out let me tell you more about this story.

Lainie falls for Mason who is a married man. We can't always tell our hearts who to love so sometimes we follow our hearts instead of our minds. Stay is a friend of Lainie's and hangs out with the group that Lainie does. Stay has always had feelings for Lainie but Lainie doesn't look at him in that way.

In a moment of truth ( actually in quite a few instances ) in my opinion it is Stay who is there for Lainie not Mason. Stay offers Lainie way more than Mason can, including a friendship and more than a few stolen moments here and there that Mason can offer. Stay can take out Lainie to dinner and dates, Mason can't do none of those things. Who will Lainie choose? Does she stay with Mason or will she choose someone who loves her and has loved her with no strings attached? I know who my choice is but who do you think will be Lainie's ? Pick up this book and find out!!!

### P.J. Fiala says

Wow! Great Book!

Lainie is close to thirty, owns her own clothing boutique and is in love with a married man, who has told her he will not leave his wife, he will not shuffle his children back and forth.

Mason is the super sexy, married man Lainie can't say no to.

Spending her life waiting for Mason to call and dropping everything, including plans with friends and family to be with him has become her life. Is it enough? There isn't a future with a married man. No children, no dinners out, nothing.

Stayman is a friend and part of a close-knit group of friends Lainie considers her second family. Lainie hasn't noticed Stayman, but he has noticed her.

As Lainie and Stayman's friendship grows, and Lainie hits rock bottom, she has a decision to make; stay with a married man with no future or explore a relationship with Stayman and have a chance at a truly happy life.

Lainie's gut wrenching decisions made me mad, sad and happy.

Blakely's writing made me feel like I was living this story. Her descriptions are vivid and real, her timing is believable. This story is different from the norm. Who would you fall in love with, Mason or Stayman?

## Michelle Marshall says

Well what can I say Blakely Bennett you have blown me away again. With this being the 2nd book in the Series (Stuck In Between ) being the first I couldnt wait to get stuck in. I was not dissappointed. The story captures you from the minute you start and already knowing the characters from the first book made it feel all the more like you really were sharing their story. In this book Its the story of Laine who has been having a relationship with a married man she thought she loved, until that is Stay (oh my goodness hottie tottie ) declares his love for her and the story unfolds. I couldnt put this book down and all credit to the very talented author once again. Keep them coming Blakely :-)

## Kim Lamb says

Bittersweet Deceit, my addiction. The author sucks you in quickly, keeps you hoping for more. She does not disappoint with the erotic scenery painted in her words. Lainie and Mason create interesting storyline, and then there's Stay.... Love, love, love the book! Can't wait for the next one to come out, and wondering which one out of the group will be portrayed!!! No spoilers, you MUST read it yourself! I guarantee that you will struggle to put the book down!!! Way to go, Blakely Bennett! Another home run out of the park!

**M.W. says**

Just wow. I finished *Stuck in Between* a couple weeks ago and she blew me away with the unique love dynamic with Jacqs, Bond, and Red.

In *Bittersweet Deceit*, your old friends from *Stuck in Between* still make an appearance, but this story concentrates on Jacq's friend, Lainie. This author took another very complicated love dynamic, one that is familiar to many people, and really drove the point home in a way we can all relate.

At one point, I found myself wanting to throw my reading device against a wall. You know how things are going to end, and yet you can't scream at a character to wake up and smell the coffee.

What I really, really, really loved was the relationship that developed between Lainie and Stayman in the

aftermath. It was like having someone apply first aid to her heart. "Stay" turned out to be strange and unique, but oh-so-amazing. Miss Bennett's books suck you in and you find yourself incapable of pulling back out. She is truly amazing at creating situations that do happen, but aren't common. Another knock it out of the ballpark book, where complicated relationships are concerned.

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### **Raina Cramer says**

Once again a perfect book! I love how well written it is and the songs that go with it are a perfect match! I'm never disappointed with her books. My fiancé is 32 yrs old never read a book and looked at me crazy when I would talk about my books I'm reading. He decided to read this and finished before me!

You know it's a good book if a man who isn't into reading can't stop reading it and wants more. Now he knows why I get so excited about my books lol. He's having a book hangover loool I haven't told him that, but now he's looking for anything similar to this, he really only wants to read her books. I never in a million years thought he would be reading! this book made that happen.

Great story and I can't wait for the third!

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### **Nicole Huffman ~ Author Groupies says**

What I love about Blakely Bennett is that her books make you look at love and relationships differently and out of the box. Her characters relationships are never easy, heavily complicated, and not your normal book couple relationships. I fell in love with Jacqs, Red Bond and their unconventional relationship in Stuck in Between and I wasn't sure if the next book could compare. BUT Bittersweet Deceit surpassed my expectations and Stay surpassed Red on my Book friend list. I am #TeamStayman.

What I LOVED about this book:

-That Lainie was a real woman with curves and insecurities. She has curves and both of the men in her life love them and help her to realize how beautiful she is and to be comfortable in her own skin. It was great to have a female character I could relate to and it made the story that much better and believable.

-Stay is a BEAST. By far some of the hottest most well written sex scenes I have ever read. Do men like him exist? DO NOT READ THIS BOOK IN FRONT OF OTHERS. you will be fanning yourself and wanting a Stay of your own. SERIOUSLY..O.M.G.

-Usually any form of cheating is my book pet peeve BUT I was okay with it in the story line and it helped to build Lainie into the person she is supposed to be. Also the whole situation was different than most ( you will understand after reading).

There is no cliffhanger and we get a HEA. Each book in the series is about a different couple, so they can be read as standalones, but I recommend reading them in order. We get glimpses into Jacqs, Red, and Bonds relationship and the whole group of friends in the book. They have such different personalities but they all work and are there for each other.

I cannot wait to see who Blue is going to end up with (Bond??) but the next story I am the most excited about is Sams. She has turned her life around and deserves her HEA after all that she has been through. I

love this author and her books and I HIGHLY recommend this out of the box, crazy HOT melt your panties series. Go one-click now!!

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### **Ann Pankhurst says**

Yet another awesome story about love, relationships, HOT SEX, friendship and family by the incredibly talented Author Blakely Bennett.

Bittersweet Deceit is the second book in The Bound by Your Love series and although I loved the first one Stuck in Between, Bittersweet Deceit is my favourite of the two. This story is about Lainie, who is having an affair with Mason, an older married man whom she is hopelessly in love with but won't say it until he is hers. Mason although he says he loves her won't leave his wife because of hurting his children. I could easily see why Lainie fell for Mason, he is sexy, handsome, charming, charismatic, imaginative and very hot. I connected with Lainie the main character right from the start and felt all of her doubts and pain about being with a married man.

Then there is Stay, who is from her circle of close friends, ( I love, love, love Stay) he is also very sexy, hot and funny and has liked Lainie for a long time but knew she was in a relationship though not who with, so he hadn't acted on his feelings for her. Once Stay knows about Mason he declares that he is going all out to win Lainie.

I love the connection between Stay and Lainie though he is a little vulnerable himself, he clearly cares about her and loves her.

Who will Lainie choose? Stay who offers her everything she could want in a relationship or Mason who though she loves him, she will never completely have.

Once again Blakely manages to make you feel all of the passion and pain her characters are feeling very real. She also brings in the other characters in the gang of friends who's stories will eventually be told in the future books in this series, so we get a glimpse into their background. I can't wait to find out who's next!

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### **Amber Lynne says**

\*\*\*I was given an advanced review copy of this book\*\*\*

All I have to say is holy hotness! I didn't think it could get much more steamy than the sexual threesome of Jacqs, Red and Bond....but somehow Blakely Bennett made Lainie and her men (Mason and Stayman "Stay") steamy enough that I didn't need an extra man in the bedroom.

In book #1 of the Bound by Your Love series we meet beautiful Lainie, best friend of Jacqs and clearly holding on to a deep dark sexual secret that she is not ready to talk about. In book #2 we found out that Lainie is having a steamy love affair with Mason, who despite saying he has an awful relationship with his wife, will not divorce her because of the pain it will cause his two younger children. I couldn't believe that Lainie would sell herself short and continue her relationship with a married man...but then I read about their sex life and I was convinced that I would probably deal with his BS too! Mason reminded me of Mr. Big from Sex & the City...smoking hot, knew he was hot, a little cocky, but mostly had an appetite for sex that will never be satisfied. Whenever Mason leaves Lainie always has second thoughts and journals to get out her feelings. I LOVED this aspect of the book, normally we hear the thoughts of a character, but in this case we get more insight into their head because they are writing down their thoughts as well. I think that this was a big part of the reason I felt so connected to Lainie...I could picture myself getting into her situation and be

thinking the exact same thoughts.

When all is fair in love & war...is walks Stayman, long time friend of the group and he is determined to show Lainie how she should be treated and what she deserves from love. I am such a sucker for a guy who has swagger, and Stayman definitely has that. He knew what situation Lainie had gotten into, but that didn't stop him from throwing on the charm and trying to win her over. I truly loved everything about his character, he was sweet, spicy, sexy, laid back, but when we got to his sex scenes with Lainie...HOLY EFF was I sold on Stay. It's characters like him that grab you in, take you for a ride and let you never look back and remember who else is around. I loved how he charmed the pants off of Lainie even when she didn't know that she was ready to move on. When trouble in paradise came to a head with Mason, I knew that I would miss his spicy sex scenes...but I didn't even have a chance to recover once Stay took over.

I cannot wait to read more from Blakely, she continues to make the characters relate-able, funny, and sex scenes that will make you need some alone time. Each book that I have read from her I enjoy more and more! If you loved Jacqs' story...you will LOVE Lainie's story!

## Serena Kett says

If you liked Blakely Bennett's STUCK IN BETWEEN (#1) then your going to LOVE this. Bittersweet Deceit (Bound by Your Love #2) Is my favourite so far.

I loved the characters especially Stay (mmmmm yum)

The story line was epic, the feelings I got from this book was a real roller coaster of emotions. I could really relate the Lainie's feelings throughout the story.

I laughed and even cried and was turned on too (\*whispering)

when a book makes you feel this way you know your on to a winner.

I couldn't put it down but I didn't want it to end either...Just fabulous!

Sorry no spoilers from me I'm afraid ...Just read it for yourself ...you definitely won't be disappointed

Thank you again Blakely Bennett...truly amazing author & friend x

## Tami czenkus says

Blakely Bennett knows how to Grab you and pull every emotion from you while enthralled with reading her work.

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Bittersweet Deceit features Lainie, Mason, and Stay (Swoon) Lainie finally allows herself to love and love hard, but it is with a married man. Stay is one of the very closely knit group of friends of Lainie and he stops at nothing to show what she is worth, even if she may be stuck in her own head with what she deserves and wants.

Bittersweet is exactly that..... You also get to keep up with the lives of their group which is phenomenal. I felt so many emotions while reading this and was able to relate very much with Lainie as well as Stay.

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DEFINITELY A MUST READ!! The realism in Blakelys' book blow me away!!

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